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Subject:	The importance of triple nexus in era of climate changes: challenges in food aid and water supply - presentation by VOICE

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Following the informal COHAFA videoconference of 9 September, delegations will find in Annex presentation made by VOICE<sup>(1)(2)</sup>.

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Exchange with COHAFA on  
**“The importance of the triple nexus in the era of climate  
change: challenges in food security and water supply”**

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VOICE: represents 86 European NGOs active in humanitarian aid worldwide  
 VOICE: main NGO interlocutor with the European Union on emergency aid  
 VOICE: promotes the values of humanitarian NGOs.



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# 1. Climate change

- Renewed momentum to act on climate change
  - Statement by President Von der Leyen on delivering the European Green Deal
  - EC Communication on the EU's humanitarian action: new challenges, same principles – strong focus on climate change
- Climate change versus climate crisis -> climate change as a driver of humanitarian needs
- Humanitarian action in the era of climate change -> link between nexus and climate change

## 2. Food security



- WFP [Global Report on Food Crisis for 2021](#) : in 2020 approximately 155 million people in 55 countries/territories experienced crisis levels of food insecurity – 20 million more compared to 2019
- Interconnection between climate change, food insecurity and conflicts
- Covid 19 exacerbated humanitarian needs
- Humanitarian NGOs perceptive -> link between food security and nexus

### 3. Water supply

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- WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene: In 2020, around 1 in 4 people lacked safely managed drinking water in their homes and nearly half the world's population lacked safely managed sanitation
- Climate change -> Water scarcity -> conflict and migration
- Humanitarian NGOs perspectives – link between WASH and nexus

## 4. Triple nexus

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- Record level of humanitarian needs:
  - [GHO 2021](#): in 2021, 235 million people will need humanitarian assistance and protection
  - ca. 80 % of humanitarian aid is spent in conflict contexts and delivered by national and international NGOs
  - gap between need and funding is steadily growing
- Climate change, food insecurity and inadequate water are all deeply interconnected -> nexus as a way to address these
- Humanitarian NGOs perspective on the TRIPLE nexus : hopes and concerns

## **VOICE Recommendations to the MS on the triple nexus in the era of climate change**

- **Adapt financial frameworks and tools** to a nexus approach
  - increase investments on DP, prevention, early warning, and DRR
  - quality funding (multi-year, flexible funding)
- **Ensure community-based actions** and a bottom-up approach
  - support community-based actions on DRR and focus on anticipatory actions to reduce risks and build resilience
- **Ensure a nexus approach in line with Humanitarian principles**
  - HA is not a crisis management tool (European Consensus on HA)
  - be context specific and adopt a conflict-sensitive approach
- Build on NGOs' experiences and lessons learned
- All relevant actors need to work towards a cultural shift





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